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SUBJ: 1977 MONSOON SEASON WRAPUP

1. 1977 MONSOON SEASON CAN BE GENERALLY CONSIDERED A GOOD ONE. CROPS RECEIVED ADEQUATE RAINFALL AND WHILE THERE WAS SOME EARLY FLOODING IN THE PUNJAB AND SIND DAMAGE FROM THE FLOODING WAS GENERALLY LESS THEN FEARED. THE WORST WAS THE FLOOD IN KARACHI ON JUNE 30, 1977 WHICH FORCED 312,000 PEOPLE TO FLEE THEIR HOMES. OVER 400 PEOPLE ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES AND INDUSTRIAL DAMAGE AMOUNTED TO OVER DOLS. 20 MILLION. THE GOP HAS PROVIDED SPECIAL FLOOD LOANS AND THE MOST SEVERE DAMAGE HAS BEEN REPAIRED SO THAT MOST MILLS ARE NOW OPERATIONAL AGAIN. INTERRUPTION IN OPERATIONS DUE TO POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN 1977 CAUSED GREATER PRODUCTION LOSS THAN DID THE FLOOD DAMAGE. THE LONG-TERM DAMAGE IS MUCH LESS THAN WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.

2. DAMAGE OUTSIDE THE PUNJAB WAS LESS THAN EXPECTED FOR A NORMAL MONSOON YEAR. THE GOP, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE MILITARY HAVE IMPROVED THEIR FLOOD CONTROL AND RELIEF OPERATIONS. COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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QUICKLY PUT BACK INTO ACTION WHEN THEY WERE DAMAGED BY THE FLOODS.

3. THE MONSOON WAS GENERALLY BENEFICIAL TO AGRICULTURE. THERE WAS FLOODING BUT NOT TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHEN FLOODS DESTROYED A MAJOR PORTION OF PAKISTAN'S EXPORT COTTON CROP. THE DENATIONALIZATION

OF THE MAJOR AGRO-BASED INDUSTRIES WILL PROBABLY HAVE  
A GREATER EFFECT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION THIS YEAR  
THAN WILL THE MONSOON. THE MOISTURE CONTENT IN THE  
SOIL AT THE PRESENT TIME IS SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE A  
CROP AT LEAST AS GOOD AS LAST YEARS FOR MOST CROPS AND  
MUCH BETTER FOR COTTON BARRING UNFORESEEN NATURAL  
DISASTERS.

4. THIS CABLE WAS PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH  
AMCONSULS KARACHI AND LAHORE.  
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